

Capacity Building – Strand 2b call I3 2023-2024 WP

What	For whom	How	How much
<p>Increase the capacity of regional innovation ecosystems in less developed regions to collaborate in EU value chains</p>	<p>Innovation actors such as public administrations, research and academia, industry, end users</p>	<p>Implemented under direct management.</p> <p>DG REGIO supported by EISMEA</p>	<p>Available call budget</p> <p>€ 26,000,000</p>



Challenge & Expected Impact



Challenge:

Less developed regions are facing different challenges and obstacles linked to innovation building & diffusion.

Expected Impact:

Increase of the capacities of less developed regions to deliver concrete interregional innovation investments within EU value chains.



General Objectives

Support in building & reinforcing innovative and resilient ecosystems

Optimisation of the relevant local administrative structures and processes

Capacity building of less developed regions to enable interregional ecosystems to define areas for co-investment along interregional value chains along the S3 priorities.

Connecting the regional innovation ecosystems externally

Strengthening links and structures among the stakeholders of quadruple-helix ecosystems

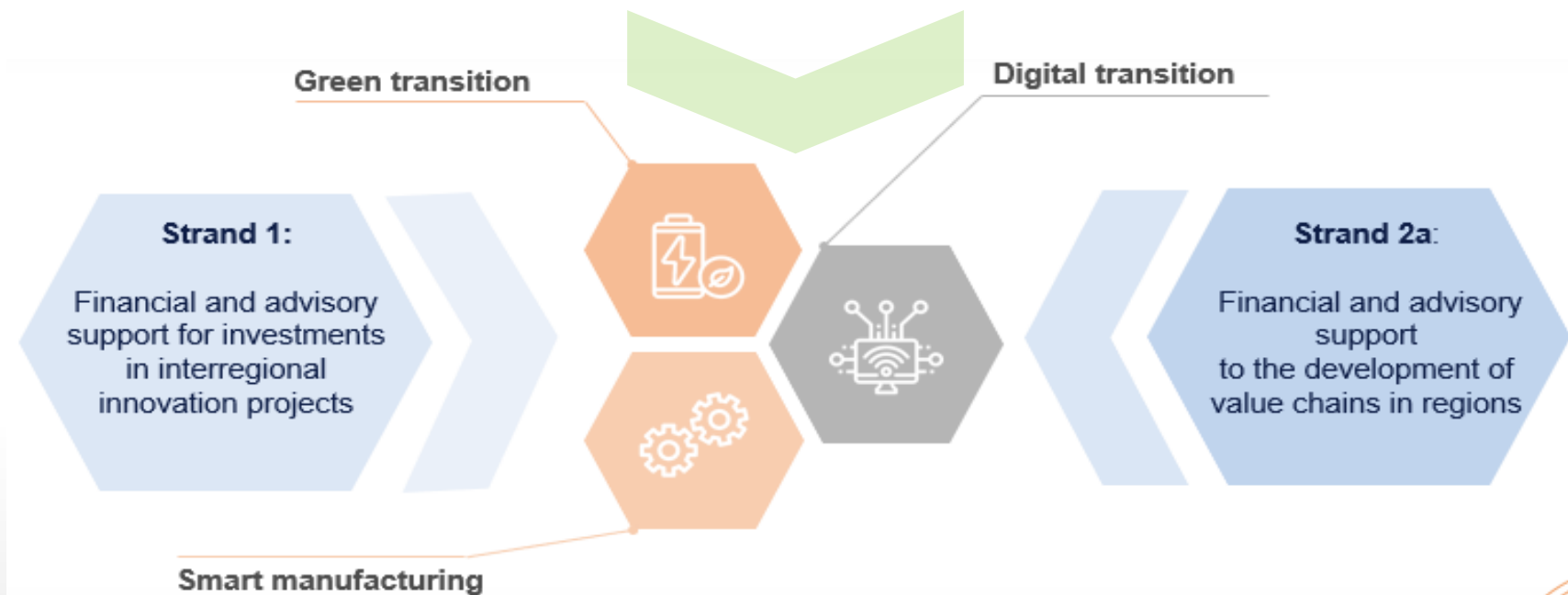


General Objectives

- Strong cohesion dimension
- Linkages between EU regions

Strand 2b
Capacity building in less developed regions

- Capacities for Strand 1 & 2a participation
- Interregional cooperation to share good practices, experiment new approaches



Project results:
Funding & tenders
(europa.eu)

Specific Objectives

Preconditions for interregional cooperation and investments in S3

Experiment new approaches and deliver validated solutions & good practices

Increase the capacity to engage in interregional innovation processes

Facilitation of the validation process of investment ideas through improved knowledge

Involve actors of the quadruple-helix ecosystem, in particular SMEs

Impact of the project on less developed regions



Themes and Priorities



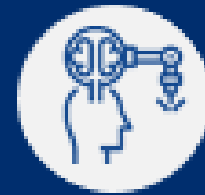
**DIGITAL
TRANSITION**

Creation & reinforcement of an interregional innovative and resilient ecosystem



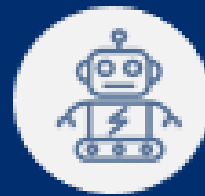
**GREEN
TRANSITION**

Company engagement & identification of a pipeline of investment projects



**SMART
MANUFACTURING**

Investment readiness & capacity to build interregional business



**Deep tech
innovation**

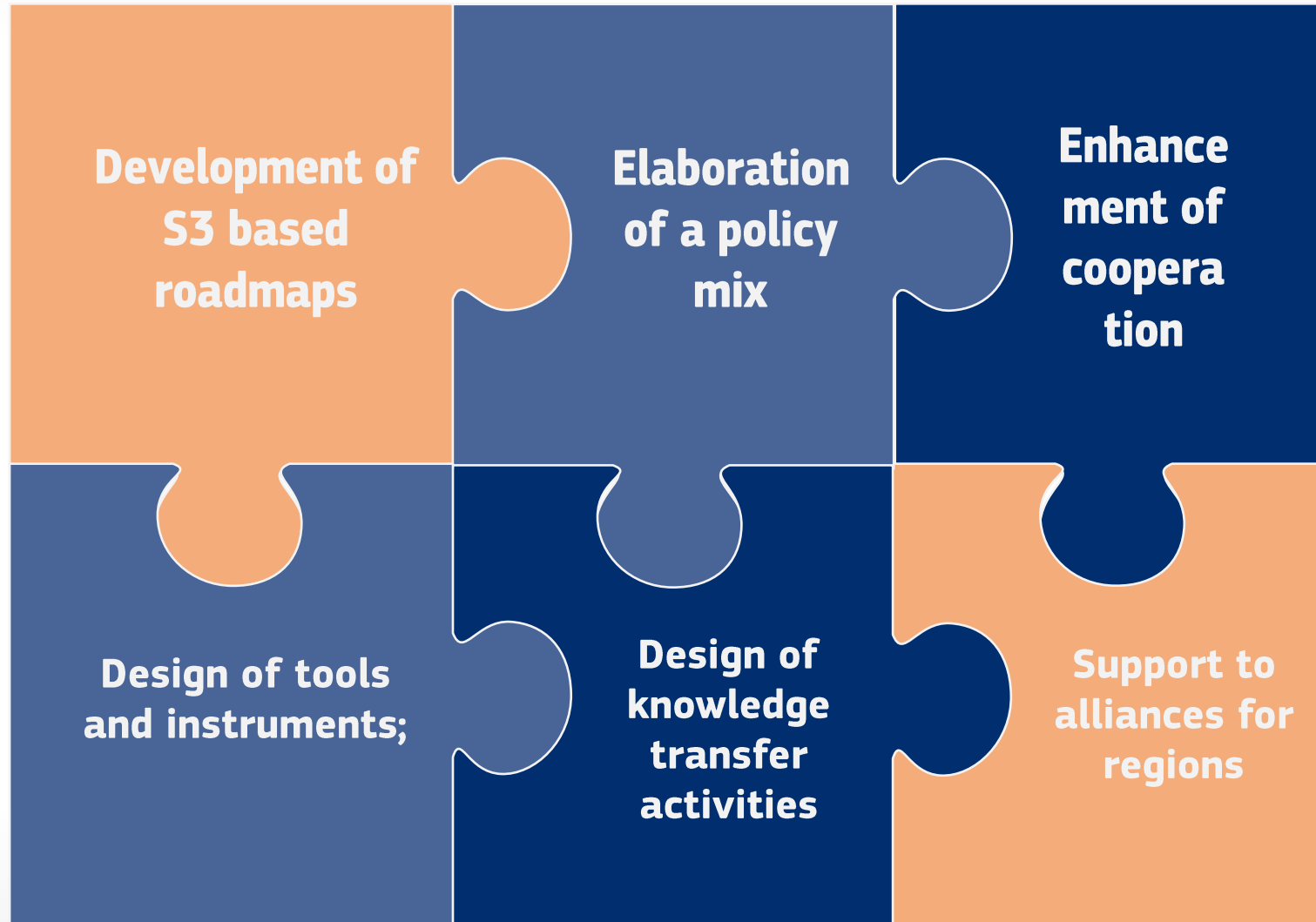
Technical assistance from mainstream programs

Connecting less developed regions with other ecosystems

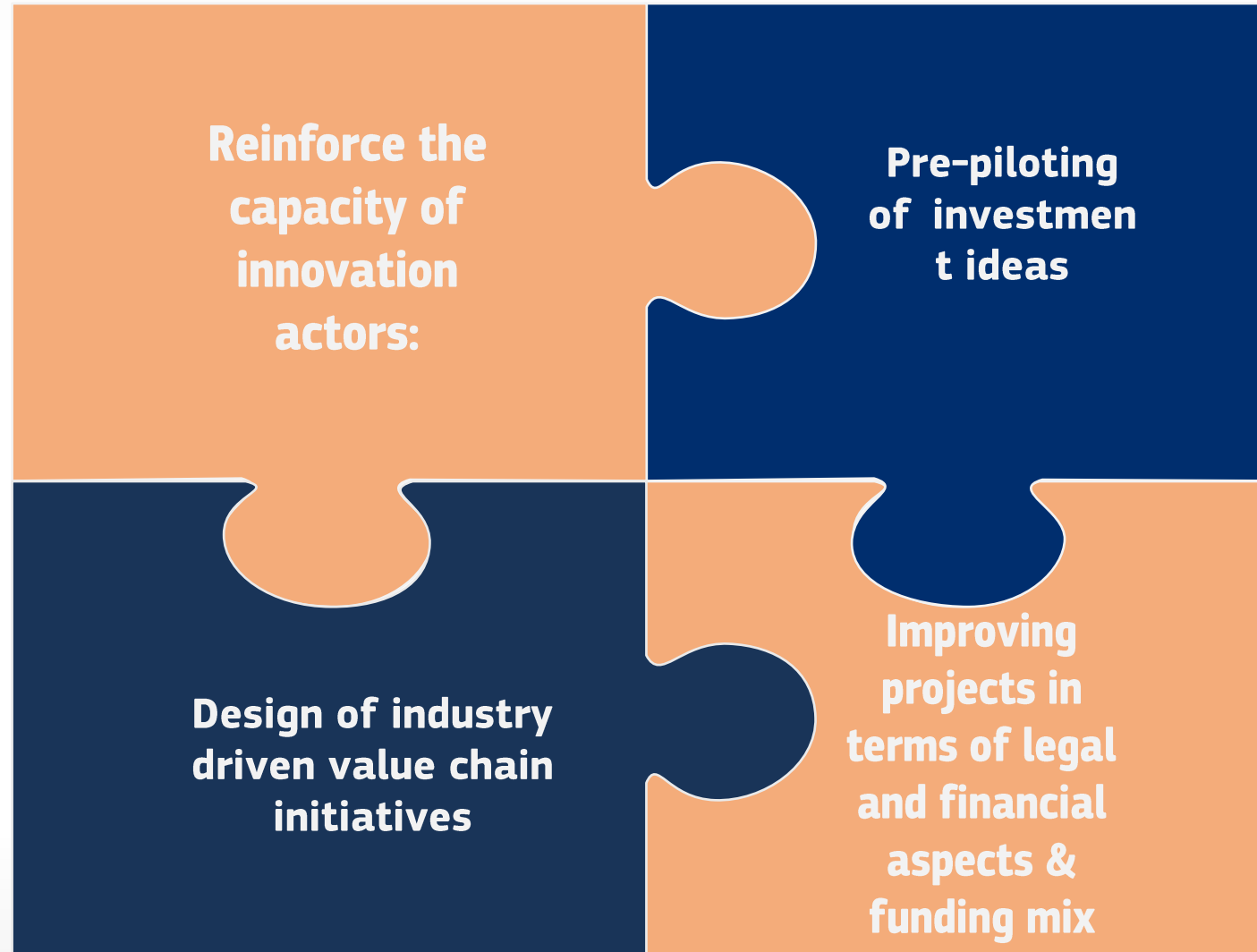
Building capacities to understand value chains articulation and implementation



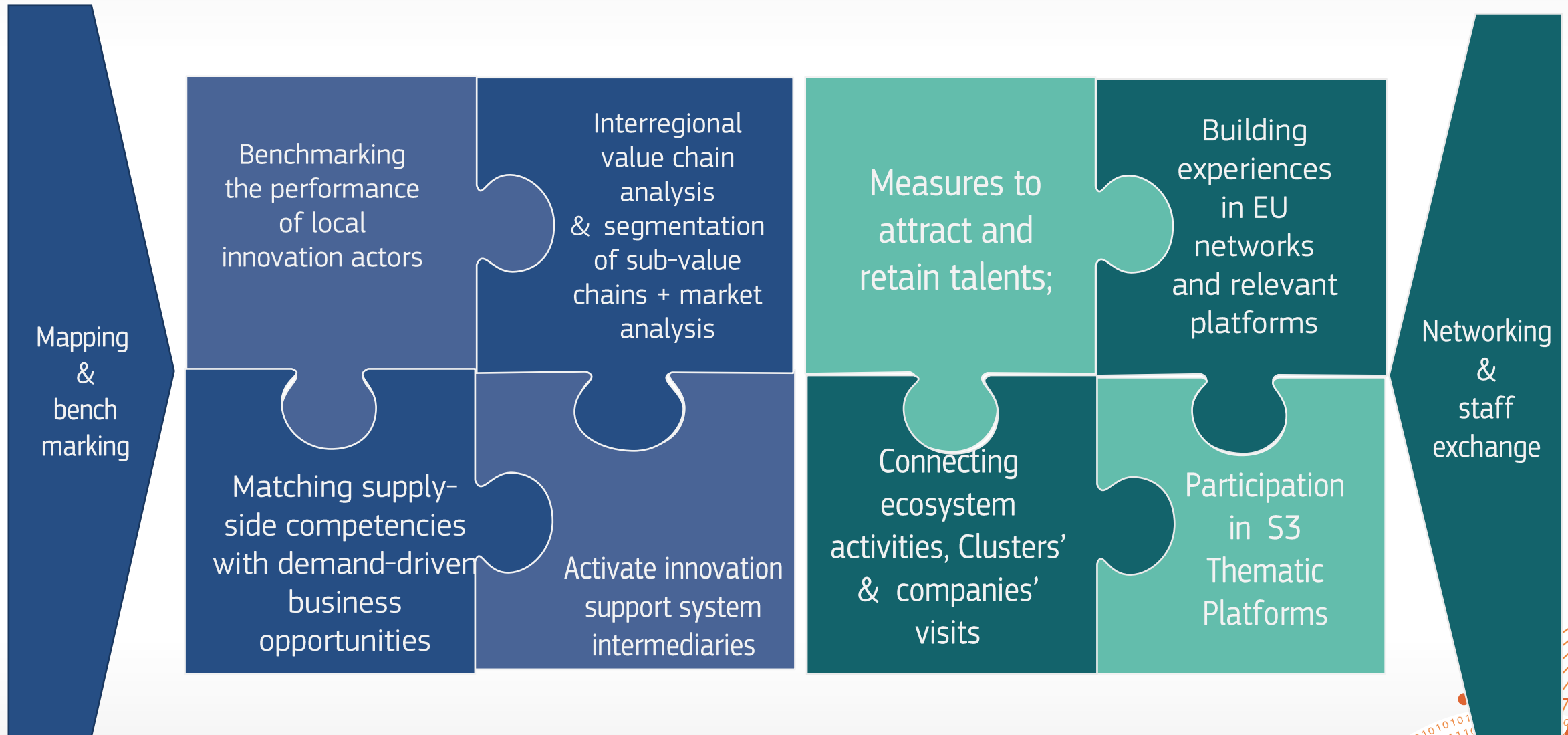
Core Actions: Ecosystem Building and Connection



Core Actions: Support of investment project identification



Support activities



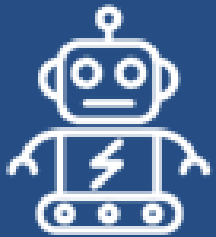
Key Performance Indicators



**Interregional
dimension**



**Socio-economic
benefits**



Policy dimension

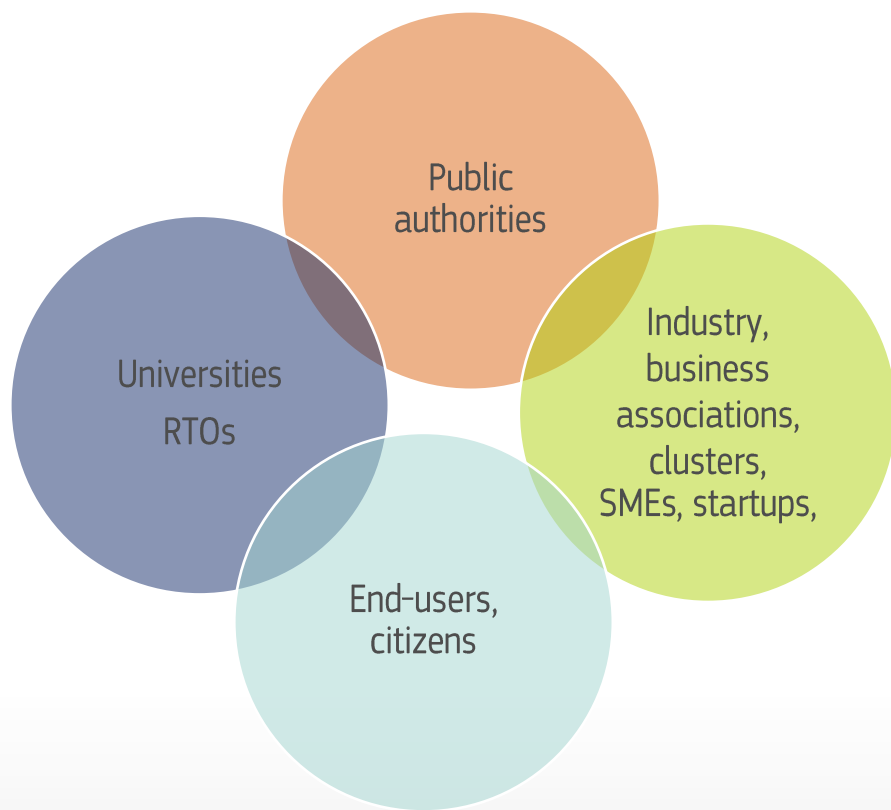


**Gender dimension/
persons reached**



Consortium composition

Innovation Actors & Q-helix partnerships on behalf of regional ecosystems



The coordinator must be:

established in an EU Member State from a “less developed region”

a public body, private non-profit organisation, or international organisation.”

Minimum 2 independent legal entities representing 2 different regional ecosystems from 2 different EU Member States.

At least 1 “more developed region” of an EU Member State.

Endorsed by competent bodies for Smart Specialisation

Geographic location – Duration – Budget – Funding Rate



To visually check categories of regions, please check: [Inforegio - Is my region covered? \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/info/inforegio)

Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the eligible countries and S3 participating regions covered by the consortium.



Projects are expected to range between 18 and 24 months.

Project budgets (maximum grant amount) are expected to be around EUR 500 000 – EUR 1 500 000 per project.

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (up to 100%).

